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House Bill 4713 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Fire Prevention Code to modify school drill requirements, effective July 1, 2014.

Currently, a school that operates any of grades kindergarten through 12 must hold at least six fire drills and two "lockdown" drills during each school year. The bill would require a K-12 school to hold a minimum of five fire drills and three lockdown drills. Three of the fire drills would have to take place by December 1, and two during the remainder of the school year. At least one lockdown drill would have to be held by December 1, and at least one after January 1. There would have to be a reasonable spacing interval between each drill of the same kind.

The Code requires a K-12 school to hold at least two tornado safety drills for each school year. Under the bill, at least one tornado safety drill would have to be held in March.

The bill would require the governing body of a K-12 school to ensure that documentation of a completed school safety drill was posted on its website within 30 days of completing the drill, and maintained for at least three years. For a school operated by a school district or intermediate school district, the documentation could be posted on the district website.

By September 15, the chief administrator of a K-12 school would have to give a list of scheduled drill days to the county emergency management coordinator, who would have to provide the information to the local emergency management coordinator, if any, and certain local officials. This information would be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Any additional cost to local schools from this legislation would be minimal, and would be the result of requiring the governing body of a school to ensure that documentation of school safety drills was posted on the school's website and maintained there for at least three years, and requiring the provision of a list of scheduled drill days to the county emergency management coordinator.

There would be no State costs associated with this legislation.

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